



DSS KIDS FUND



DSS Kids Fund allows you to help us in "Caring For Kids"

The DSS Kids Fund, Inc., a non-profit 501c3 entity, was created in 1998 to serve as a support system for abused and neglected children in the care of the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. Tax-deductible donations to The DSS Kids Fund enable DSS to provide the children with clothing, toys, books, holiday gifts, and other necessary items.

Kids Fund programs depend upon the support of both private and public-sector donors, as well as those concerned citizens who want to make a difference in the lives of at-risk children. Tax-deductible donations to the Kids Fund greatly assist DSS in our mission of Caring For Kids. Contributions may be used for a variety of purposes, such as sending foster children to summer camp, giving a college-bound foster teenager a computer to succeed in school, or enabling a foster child to take music lessons or play youth soccer. In addition to helping 8,000 Massachusetts children in foster care and 2,000 children in residential care, the DSS Kids Fund provides support for 30,000 needy children who remain with their birth families while receiving services from DSS.



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DSS Kids Fund programs include:

- **Foster Children's Holiday Gift Drive**
Your contributions of gifts and funds will ensure that every single child in DSS care has a special and memorable holiday season.
- **Placement Packet Project**
Many of the 8,000 children who enter foster care each year often come to us hungry, without adequate clothing, and in need of a bath. Placement Packets provide every child entering care with items such as infant formula, clothing, toiletries, diapers, toys, duffel bags, etc., to make the transition to foster care as comfortable as possible.
- **Literacy Campaign**
DSS welcomes donations of books and funds. We distribute the books to our client and foster children across the state. Children learn and grow from the experiences and adventures they find inside books.
- **Foster Children's Summer Campership Drive**
This program sends foster children to either day or overnight summer camp for one or two-week sessions. The formative experience of attending camp aids in the growth and development of these children.
- **Area Office Children's Visiting Rooms**
All of our 28 DSS Area Offices have Visiting Rooms where supervised visits are held between foster children and their birth parents, and where children stay while awaiting foster placement. Donations of funds, toys or furniture allow us to decorate the rooms and make these difficult moments easier.
- **Children's Enrichment/Educational Initiative:**
Donations to the Kids Fund allow foster children to participate in sports, music, dance, art, college preparatory classes or other worthwhile school or after school programs.
- **Computers for Foster Kids Program**
Your donations of funds or new computers with software give foster children in our care the tools they need to succeed by helping them bridge the technology gap.
- **Special Moments Fund**
Little things that other children take for granted are regularly denied the foster child, which is where your donations make the difference. This fund covers the special times in a child's life, such as camping trips, visits to amusement parks, or school field trips.